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Art Unit: 1652

Filed: July 20, 2001

Examiner: Yong D. Pak

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Responsive to the Office Action mailed on October 21, 2003, please amend the application as follows. Submitted with this Amendment and Response is a Petition for Extension of Time to extend the period for response one month, to and including February 23, 2004, and a Request for Continued Examination. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge \$440.00, the fee for a one-month extension of time and a Request for Continued Examination, for a small entity, to Deposit Account No. 50-1868.

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1812 2,520	1812 2,520	For filing a request for <i>ex parte</i> reexamination	
1804 920*	1804 920*	Requesting publication of SIR prior to Examiner action	
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1261 110	2251 55	Extension for reply within first month	
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- a. ☐ Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 CFR 1.103(c) for a period of _____ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 CFR 1.17(f) required)
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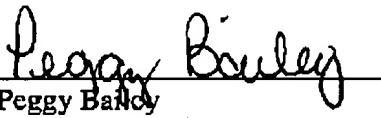
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